

## **Report for the 87th FIDE General Assembly**

At the General Assembly held on 10th September in Baku, Azerbaijan, the European Chess Union voted with overwhelming majority to suspend the membership of the Bulgarian Chess Federation.

The ECU Board motion against the Bulgarian Chess Federation membership was backed by 37 votes from 51 federations in attendance. 11 votes were against, 2 abstained (with blank ballots) and 1 was invalid.

By this decision Bulgarian Chess Federation expelled from the European Chess Union according the article 7(b) of the ECU statutes.

The GA confirmed that Bulgarian chess players could still enter the official tournaments by individual registrations under the ECU or FIDE flag.

One day earlier, the FIDE Ethics Commission suspended Silvio Danailov, former ECU President and President of Bulgarian Chess Federation, for 18 months for violating clause 2.2.3 of the Code of Ethics to a serious degree for the case 13/2014 EYCC "Budva 2013."

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